

Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - August 2021

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : Tue 14th Sep 2021. 6:30pm.




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Tamworth 4wd Club

Tamworth 4wd Club is a family orientated club. We cater for family participation in recreational four wheel driving and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction. Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Victorian High Country) are planned annually and in advance. The choice of trips you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain. Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Christmas-in-July social weekend, demonstrations and inter-club activities.

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BSB 032-621
Account Number
895405**

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. July 2021.

Held at: St Johns Hall, 72 Napier St, Tamworth.

Date: Tuesday 13th July 2021

Chairperson: Paul Ellison

Meeting Open: 18:32

Members Present: Paul Ellison, Jodie Thompson, Shaun Morrison, Clint Green.

Dave Maunder, Col Middleton, Rick Burton, Adrian Altona,

Apologies : Chrissy, Katrina, Leanne, one other(?)

Visitors: Matthew Ellison and Ben Allen.

Previous minutes True and correct. Jodie, Rick.

Business Arising from June 2021 Meeting.

Correspondence in & emails.

Correspondence Out & emails.

Financials

New Business / General Business.

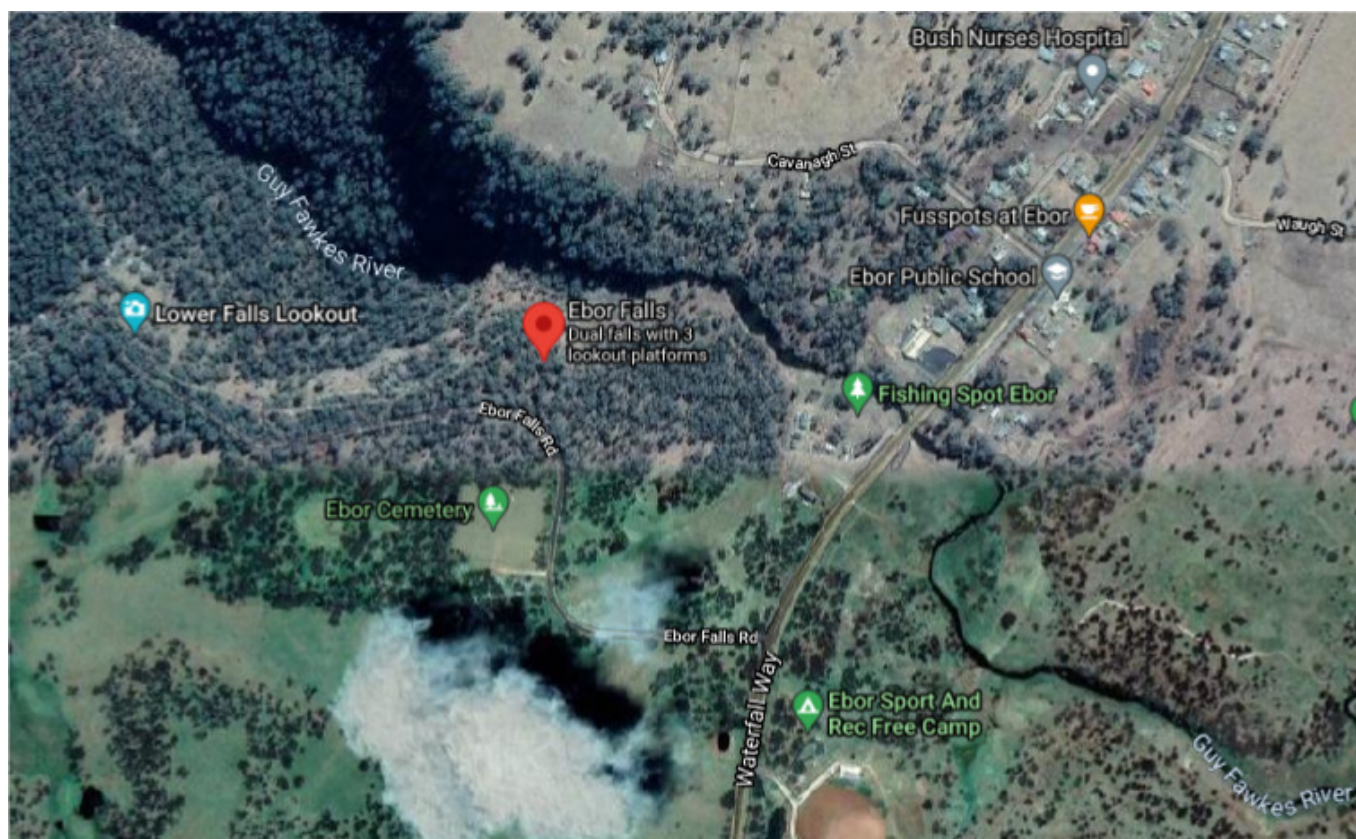
-Christmas in July. Long discussion around how wet camp grounds are, both at the shelter and Plan B. Further rain is expected (time of writing four days after the meeting, another 30mm has fallen!). Shelter is a swamp., “Plan B” camp ground is saturated. Plan C was suggested to camp at Plan B / shearing shed and a day trip to Nundle. Ponder Rosa and Sheba Dams would also be just as wet as a “Plan B”. Paul suggested that CIJ is the clubs main fundraising and maybe to postpone for one month. It was motioned that we push it back at least one month, and discuss further at the next meeting in August.
Motion voted: Dave/Col.

-Donations are waiting for letters of support to our sponsors. ARB has donated. Jodie to finish letter for the members and send a template to Bushy.

Trips:

CHRISTMAS IN JULY : POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING. IT IS WET !

Dorrigo / Ebor Falls : Run by incoming member Mat Ellison, over the week-end that was to be Christmas in July. 31/July-1/Aug. Camping near new show-ground opposite Ebor falls turn off. Pub around the corner. Contact Matt.
More info to be announced on the Facebook page.



TRIPS (extra & continued)

Mt Kaputar

Col looked into information for Mt Kaputar trip. Discussion on the Barraba Track as well as the main track in from Narrabri.

New set date is 14th & 15th August. This is the first weekend after the next meeting. Please contact Col and/or Leanne if interested. More info to be posted on the clubs Facebook page.

Barrington Snow Trip : sounded like a good idea at the time. Probably won't go ahead (need snow). The previous good snow weekend some six weeks saw most of the roads being closed by National Parks. The main Gloucester - Scone road is permanently closed on eastern side.

Barrington Tops October Long Weekend.

Ran by Dave. Full steam ahead. Will be located in Crown Conservation Area, either The Cascades or Water Gauge, both are on the Manning River. Grade: medium with heaps of fun. Pink ribbon will be used at corners and turn offs to show the way for others. Ample camping for everyone. Fishing right there on the door step. No amenities at either locations, though, Loo's are 30 min drive. Nice freezing cold swimming holes & water falls nearby. Maps and info will be posted as the time gets closer. Caravan un-friendly unfortunately.

Moore Creek Caves:

Ran by Clint. Day drive to go exploring Moore Creek Caves. To be ran in October at this stage.

Mark this on our calendar. Grade: easy.

Meeting close: 19:15hrs.



For spectacular scenic views of remote volcanic mountains, steep Barraba track offers mountain biking, walking, and a 4WD tour in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri.

Where	Mount Kaputar National Park
Distance	8km one-way
Time suggested	3hrs
Grade	Medium
Price	\$10 fee and \$40 refundable deposit for 4WD permit and key.
What to bring	Sunscreen, hat, drinking water
Please note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4WD use of this track requires a key and permit with very specific conditions which may effect journey time, routes and availability.• This track is closed during wet weather. Please check the park alerts for this track's status before setting out on your journey.• The weather in the area can be extreme and unpredictable, so please ensure you're well-prepared for your visit.• Remember to take your binoculars if you want to go birdwatching

If you hanker for the rugged beauty of wild and remote places, then Barraba track in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri, will definitely get your heart pumping. Stretching from Kaputar plateau to the secluded eastern boundary, this steep track boasts spell-binding clifftop views. There's no reward without effort, and this limited access track will challenge experienced mountain bikers and walkers alike.



Several pioneering families lived in the Mount Kaputar area in extremely harsh conditions. Stockmen looked after sheep and cattle on the Kaputar Plateau, often going for months without seeing another person. Enjoy a walk to the historic Scutts Hut to experience the pioneers' harsh lifestyle. The Scutt family lived in the hut in the 1940s and 50s, and it has been carefully restored to its original condition. Most of the materials to build the hut and furniture were brought in by horse - even the rainwater tank.

An ancient heritage



Mount Kaputar National Park is the traditional Country of the Gamilaroi Aboriginal people. The park provided a rich resource for food, medicines, shelter and weapons and the landscape is part of Dreaming stories. Reminders of the Gamilaroi's connection to this ancient landscape are evident in Aboriginal rock carvings, campsites, marks on trees and axe grinding grooves throughout the park.

Colourful locals



Ascending the rocky track, stringybarks and blackbutts give way to majestic snow and mountain gums. You'll pass lush ferns and grass trees before arriving at the summit, where you'll glimpse the dramatic volcanic landscape of Mount Dowe and Lindsay Rock Tops, through the trees.

If you're cycling or walking, enjoy a hearty picnic lunch, before heading back down. If driving, round off your trip with a visit to picturesque Horton Falls.

Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/cycling-trails/barraba-track/local-alerts>

General enquiries

National Parks Contact Centre

🕒 7am to 7pm daily

☎ [1300 072 757](tel:1300072757) (13000 PARKS) for the cost of a local call within Australia excluding mobiles

✉ parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au

Park info

📍 in [Mount Kaputar National Park](#) in the [Country NSW](#) region

🕒 Mount Kaputar National Park is always open but may have to close at times due to poor weather or fire danger.

Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Barraba track.

Track grading

🦿 **Grade 4** [Learn more about the grading system](#)

Features of this track

Quality of markings

Clearly sign posted

Gradient

Very steep

Distance

8km

Steps

Occasional steps

Quality of path

Formed track, some obstacles

Experience required

Some bushwalking experience recommended

Getting there and parking

Barraba track is in the Kaputar plateau precinct of Mount Kaputar National Park. Please also note vehicle access to Barraba track is by permit and keys only. A \$10 fee and \$40 refundable deposit is payable by cash in advance. They are available from Barraba Cafe and Queen Street Cafe, Barraba. To get there:

From Narrabri:

WALKING TRACKS

1. Yulludunida Walking Track – hard 4km return
This hard walk starts from Green Camp car park and climbs up through woodland to the base of the Yulludunida Crater. From here there are no marked routes however experienced walkers can scramble over rocks to the summit of Mt Yulludunida. Return the same way.

2. Mount Coryah Walk – medium 4km return
This bushwalk leads from the Coryah Gap picnic area, up the stepped lava terraces of Coryah Mountain to the summit. Once you reach the lava terraces, the track circumnavigates the summit, revealing the mysterious shapes of the Wandewar Range and the wide open plains beyond. This is a spectacular walk for day trippers wanting a challenge or a great starting point for experienced and well-prepared hikers to explore Rudeen Wilderness Area. Not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

3. English Rock Track – easy 2km return
This easy stroll leaves from the bottom of the Bark Hut camping area. This easy stroll leads to a lookout overlooking English Rock, another spectacular volcanic remnant.

4. The Governor (Corrunbrul Borawah) – medium 2km return
This return track begins at The Governor carpark and takes you to the peak of a large volcanic plug. The first 300m of this walk is sealed and wheel chair accessible to The Governor Lookout, overlooking the wilderness area. From here the track continues and walkers can scramble up a marked route to the top of The Governor. This part of the walk requires medium fitness and is not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

5. The Kaputar Plateau Walk – medium 6km loop
This is a medium walk along the trails that follow part of the original 'pioneer track' from Coryah Gap to Dawsons Spring. The walk begins at the Kaputar Plateau fire trail, 2km beyond Bark Hut. Walk down the fire trail, experiencing the changes in vegetation with changes in altitude. At the junction with Scouts Hut fire trail turn right and continue walking along the fire trail until you meet Kaputar Road just above Bark Hut. Walk along the road to Dawsons Spring or return the way you came.

6. Scouts Hut – Kurrawonga Falls Walk – hard 19km
This track is the longest walking track in the park and should only be attempted by experienced, well-prepared bushwalkers. The track follows the Scouts Hut fire trail, beginning at the Kaputar Road above Bark Hut and continuing down the ridge line. About 7km down the fire trail a steep walking track leads off to the left and down to Scouts Hut and Kurrawonga Falls. The return trip to Bark Hut is uphill along the same route.

7. Dawsons Spring Nature Trail – easy 1.4km loop
An easy loop walk from Dawsons Spring picnic area, this walk loops through the sub-alpine woodlands to the camping area. Interpretation signs along the way help you appreciate your surroundings in more depth.

8. Summit Walking Track – medium 2km return
This return track leads off the Dawsons Spring Nature Trail and connects Dawsons Spring with Mount Kaputar Summit, the highest point in the park.

9. Eckford Lookout – medium 1.8km return
From Eckford Carpark this easy walk takes you through forest and heathlands to Eckfords Lookout, overlooking the southern part of the park and the plains beyond. Return uphill the same way or link with the Bundabulla Circuit walk.

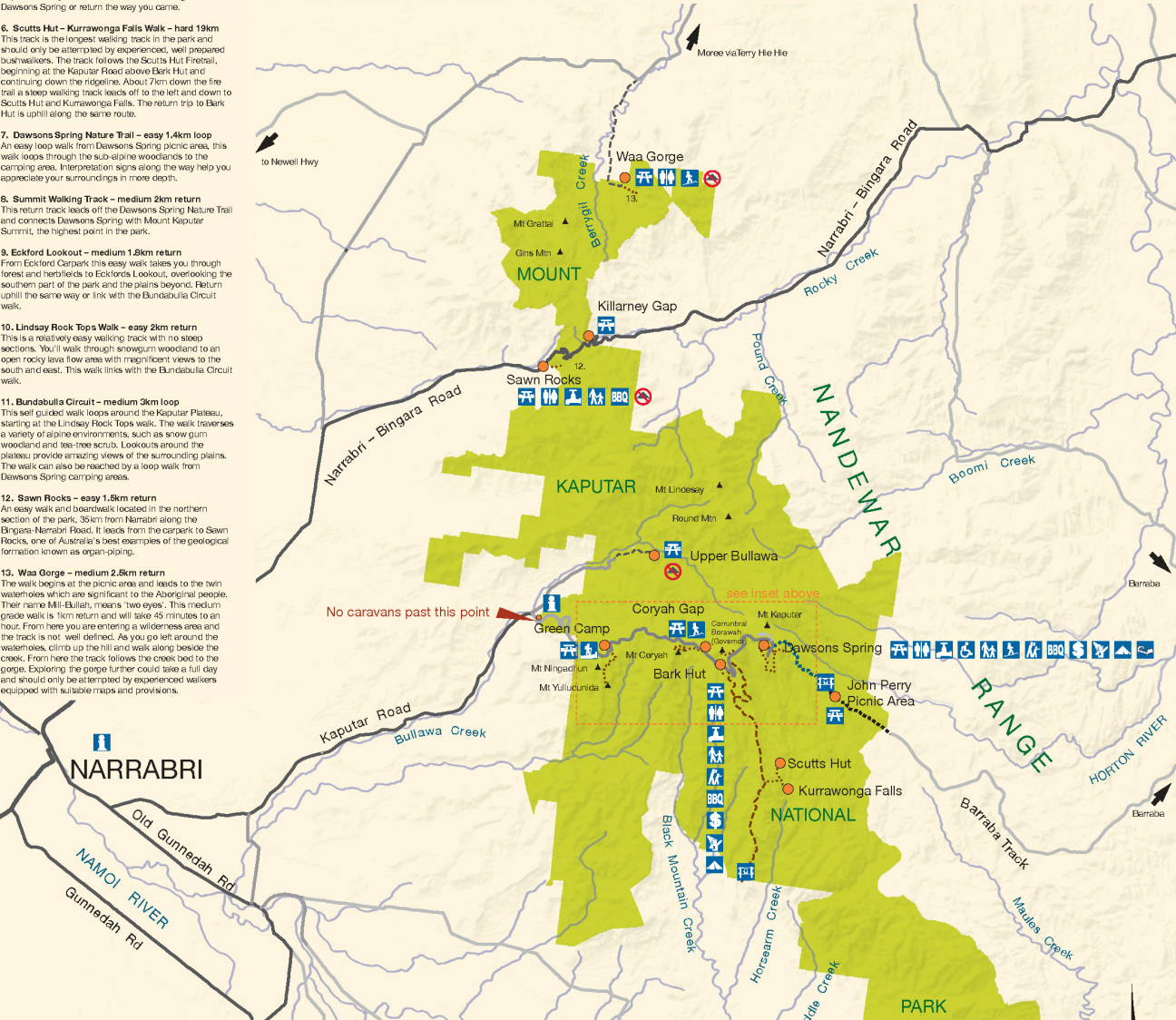
10. Lindsay Rock Tops Walk – easy 2km return
This is a relatively easy walking track with no steep sections. You'll walk through snowgum woodland to an open rocky lava flow area with magnificent views to the south and east. This walk links with the Bundabulla Circuit walk.

11. Bundabulla Circuit – medium 3km loop
This self-guided walk loops around the Kaputar Plateau, starting at the Lindsay Rock Tops walk. The walk traverses a variety of alpine environments, such as snowgum woodland and tea-tree scrub. Lookouts around the plateau provide amazing views of the surrounding plains. The walk can also be reached by a loop walk from Dawsons Spring camping areas.

12. Sawn Rocks – easy 1.8km return
An easy walk and boardwalk located in the northern section of the park, 35km from Narrabri along the Bingara-Narrabri Road. It leads from the carpark to Sawn Rocks, one of Australia's best examples of the geological formation known as organ-piping.

13. Waa Gorge – medium 2.5km return
The walk begins at the picnic area and leads to the twin waterholes which are significant to the Aboriginal people. Their name Mili-Buliah, means 'two eyes'. This medium grade walk is 10m return and will take 45 minutes to an hour. From here you are entering a wilderness area and the track is not well defined. As you go left around the waterholes, climb up the hill and walk along beside the creek. From here the track follows the creek bed to the gorge. Exploring the gorge further could take a full day and should only be attempted by experienced walkers equipped with suitable maps and provisions.

MOUNT KAPUTAR SECTION DETAIL



National park	Wheelchair friendly	Medium walking track	Showers
Major road	Picnic area	Hard walking track	Camping
Sealed road	Toilets	Lookout	Camping prohibited
Unsealed minor road	Untreated water supplied	Barbecues	Accommodation
Dry weather road	Easy walking track	Camping fees	Information
4WD track / permit required			Locked gate
Firetrail (locked gate, walkers/cyclists only)			
Walking track			

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KILOMETRES

This map gives you a basic overview of features and facilities. It does not provide detailed information on topography and landscape, and may not be suitable for some activities. We recommend that you buy a topographic map before you go exploring.

Driver Awareness / Come-try-day



Saturday 19th of June was set for the Clubs first Driver awareness training day in well over two years. Around 14 members and visitors turned up bright and early. After intro's Graeme got stuck into some theory, and was

straight on over to the hill climb for correct stall/reverse recovery techniques. After everyone had their turn, Dave blew two tyres attempting to show off. It doesn't pay. Then over to the driveway gully for some off camber and over-braking techniques, and a little driving in mud. It was then over to Pauls gully which is always a great safe playing area for those starting off driving obstacles. Lunch was in the shearing shed whilst it drizzled with recovery gear theory and demonstrations. After lunch, we were all over at Tip Gully for side angles and winch recovery techniques. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great day out. Lot of thanks to Graeme for the training.

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HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

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THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

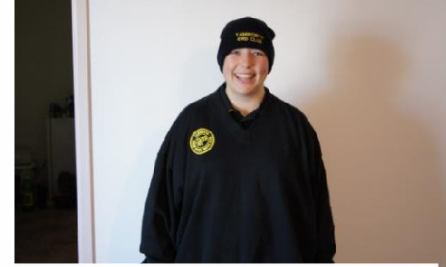
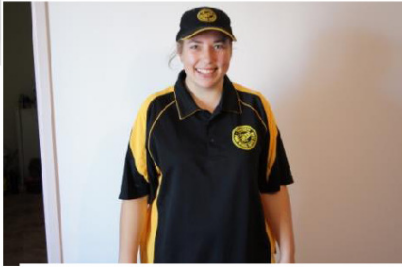
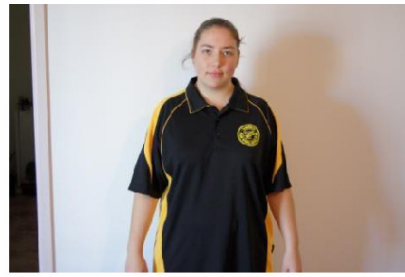
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities



- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of an emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A "Rear Marker" and "Centre Marker" are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy's progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



Adults:

- \$27 - Polo Shirts
- \$30 - Jumpers
- \$40 - Hoodies
- \$15 - Caps
- \$15 Beanies

Kids

- \$22 - Polo Shirts
- \$17 - T-Shirts
- \$30 - Jumpers
- \$35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise
please contact Treasurer — Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

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MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when
paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for
insurance purposes.

**NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS
OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY**



Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname:

First Name: **DOB:**

Partner's Name: **DOB:**

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Model:

Year: **Registration:**

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency:

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Signature of Member: **Date:**

Signature of Partner: **Date:**

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

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Section 1

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Names of Members:

Member's Signatures:

MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called may reverse or alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members present at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.



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